phased manner to be completed by the year 1992. So far 14 States/Union Territories have issued notification banning sale of non-iodised salt. Also 5 States have issued ban notifications in the identified goitre endemic districts. The Delhi Administration have issued notification to ban sale of non-iodised salt in the Union Territory of Delhi w.e.f. 1st June, 1989.

(b) The Government is providing 100 per cent subsidy towards the cost of Potassium Iodate, the chemical used for iodisation of edible salt to the iodised salt manufacturers. Iodised salt is available in the market at marginally higher prices as compared to those of common salt of similar quality and packing. A quantity of 1.66 lakh tonnes of iodised salt has been supplied to Delhi during 1988.

(c) and (d) The Government of India is not importing iodine for manufacture of iodised salt. However, crude iodine is being imported by actual users on production of essentiality certificate from the salt commissioner under Open General Licence Policy of the Government.

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[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I Accounts (1987-88) of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling and related papers.

II. Accounts (1987-88) of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the followng papers :—

I (a) Annual Accounts of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, for the year 1987-88, and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7919/87 for (a) to (c).]

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(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7920/81 for (a) to (c).].

Report (1986 87) of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्रीमती सुमित्रा ग्रौरांव) : मैं संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338 के खंड 2 के अधीन 1986-87 के वर्ष के लिए अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए आयुक्त के अट्ठाइसवें प्रतिवेदन की एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखती हूं [पुस्तकालय में रखी गई देखिए संख्या एल टी-7878/89]

General Insurance Rationalisation and Revision of Pay Scales and other conditions of service of supervisory, Clerical and Subordinate Staff, Amendment Scheme, 1989.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : Madam, on behalf of SHRI B. K. GADHVI, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), Notification S.O. No. 180(E), dated the 10th March, 1989, publishing the General Insurance (Rationalisation and Revision of Pay Scales and Other Conditions of Service of Supervisory, Clerical and Subordinate Staff) Amendment Scheme, 1989, under section 17 of the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7870/89].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications :—

(i) G.S.R. No 363(E), dated the 16th March, 1989, amending Notification No. 169/88-Customs, dated the 13th May, 1988, so as to extend the concessional rate of import duty on polyurethene films and polyurethene foils of specified thickness intended to be used for finishing of leather for another six months, *i.e.* upto 30th September, 1989.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 387(E), dated the 28th March, 1989, amending the Notification No. 522/88-Customs, dated the 31st December, 1986 so as to extend the validity thereof, upto 30th June, 1989.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 388 (E), dated the 28th March, 1989, amending Notification No. 127/82-Customs, dated the 1st May, 1982, so as to extend the validity thereof upto the 31st March, 1994.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 389(E), dated the 28th March, 1989, exempting specified goods when imported from Egypt from basic duty of customs in excess of 50 per cent of the standard rate of duty applicable on these goods.

(v) G.S.R. No. 396(E), dated the 29th March, 1989 amending Notification No. 19/85-Customs, dated the 1st February, 1985, so as to substitute for figure and words "31st day of March, 1989" by the figures and words "31st day of March, 1990".

(vi) G.S.R. No. 454(E), dated the 20th April, 1989, amending Notification No. 66/89-Customs, dated the 1st March, 1989 so as to substitute for word 'Machinery' by the words 'Machinery, Tools or Instruments.'

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7880/89 for (i) to (vi)].

(vii) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification G.S.R. No. 444(E), dated the 12th April, 1989, amending Notification No. 415/86-C.E., dated the 15th September, 1986, so as to exempt whole of the excise duty on ammonia and synthesis gas which is supplied by Krishak Bharati Co-operative Limited, Hazira, for use in heavy water plant at Hazira under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 together with an explanatory memorandum on the Notification. Similar concession is available for heavy water plants at Tuticorin, Talcher and Thal.

[Placed in Libray. *See* No. LT—7881/89]

(viii) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification S.O. No. 289, dated the 20th April, 1989, notifying the Income Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 1989, under section 296 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7883/89].

(ix) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification G.S.R. No. 464(E), dated the 24th April, 1989, exempting H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, Madame Amal Al-Shara' and seven members of the delegation on their visit to India from 24th to 26th April, 1989, from payment of foreign travel tax leviable thereon in respect of their international journey to any place outside India at the end of the said visit, under section 41 of the Finance Act, 1979, together with an explanatory memorandum on the Notification.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7882/89].